

The Twentieth National African American Read-In

Sponsored by the Black Caucus of NCTE/4Cs

The following list contains selected works recommended by Black Caucus members. There are many other books by African Americans which we encourage you to read; this is a starter list and not intended to be all inclusive of other excellent works by African Americans. Join in and continue to enrich your lives after February by reading books by African Americans.

Selected “Must Read” Books by African American Authors

Recommended by Black Caucus Members
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<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Adams, Jenoyne	<i>Resurrecting Mingus</i> , The Free Press, 2001.
Agins, Michelle & Julia Chance	<i>Sisterfriends: Portraits of Sisterly Love</i> , Simon & Schuster, 2001.
Alexander, Adele Logan	<i>Homelands and Waterways: The American Journey of the Bond Family, 1846-1926</i> , Pantheon Books, 1999. History
Alexander, Eleanor	<i>Lyrics of Sunshine and Shadow: The Tragic Courtship and Marriage of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice Ruth Moore</i> , New York University Press, 2001. Social History
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> , Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1983. Autobiography (Plus any of her other works.)
Ansa, Tina McElroy	<i>You Know Better</i> , William Morrow, 2002. Fiction
	<i>The Hand I Fan With</i> , Doubleday & Co., 1996. Fiction
	<i>Ugly Ways</i> , Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993. Fiction
	<i>Baby of the Family</i> , Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989. Fiction
Ashe, Arthur	<i>Days of Grace: A Memoir</i> , Alfred A. Knopf, 1993. Autobiography
Baldwin, James	<i>Collected Essays</i> , The Library of America, 1998.
	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i> , Dell Publishing, 1985. Non-Fiction (Plus any of his other works.)
Bambara, Toni Cade	<i>Those Bones Are Not My Child</i> , Pantheon Books, 1999. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
	<i>Gorilla My Love</i> , Random House, 1981. Short Story Collection
Barboza, Steven (ed.)	<i>The African American Book of Values</i> , Doubleday, 1998. Collection/Short Stories

- Barksdale, Richard *Praisesong of Survival*, University of Illinois Press, 1992. Lectures and Essays 1957-89
- Bates, Karen Grigsby *Chosen People*, Avon Books, 2006. Mystery
- Bates, Karen Grigsby
& Karen Elyse Hudson *Basic Black: Home Training for Modern Times*, Doubleday, 1996. Essays
- Beals, Melba Pattilo *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High*, Pocket Books, 1994. Biography
- Bell, Derrick *Gospel Choirs: Psalms of Survival in An Alien Land Called Home*, Basic Books, 1996. Short Stories
- Confronting Authority: Reflections of An Ardent Protester*, Beacon Press, 1994. Essays (Plus any of his other works.)
- Bell-Scott, Patricia (et.al.) *Double Stitch: Black Women Write About Mothers and Daughters*, Beacon Press, 1991. Poems, Stories, Essays
- Bennett, Lerone *The Shaping of Black America: The Struggles and Triumphs of African-Americans, 1619 to the 1900s*, Viking Penguin, 1993. History
- Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America*, Viking Penguin, 1984. History
- Benson, Christopher
& Mamie Till-Mobley *Death of Innocence: The Story of the Crime that Changed America*, Random House Adult Publishing, 2003.
- Bland, Eleanor Taylor (ed.) *Shades of Black: Crime and Mystery Stories by African Americans*, Berkeley Publishing, 2004.
- Bogle, Donald *Dorothy Dandridge*, Amistad Press, 1997. Biography
- Bontemps, Arna *American Negro Poetry*, 1982. Poetry (Plus any of his other works.)**
- Bontemps, Arna
& Langston Hughes *Popo & Fifina*, Oxford University Press, 1932. Reissued 1993. Fiction
- Boyd, Valerie *Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston*, Scribner, 2003. Biography
- Briscoe, Connie *Can't Get Enough*, Doubleday, 2005.
- P. G. County*, Doubleday, 2002. Fiction
- A Long Way From Home*, HarperCollins, 1999. Fiction

- Brooks, Gwendolyn
In Montgomery and Other Poems, Third World Press, 2003. Poetry
Children Coming Home, The David Company, 1991. Poetry
Selected Poems, HarperCollins, 1982. (Plus any of her other works.)
- Brown, Elaine
A Taste of Power, Pantheon Books, 1992. Autobiography
- Brown, Sterling A.
The Collected Poems of Sterling A. Brown, Broadside Press, 1990. (Compiled by Michael S. Harper) Poetry
- Busby, Margaret (ed.)
Daughters of Africa, Pantheon Books, 1992. (International anthology of words and writings by women of African descent.)
- Butler, Octavia E.
Fledgling, Seven Stories Press, 2005. Novel
Parable of the Talents, Seven Stories Press, 1998. Fiction
Parable of the Sower, Four Walls Eight Windows, 1993. Futuristic
Kindred, Beacon Press, 1988. Science Fiction
- Campbell, Bebe Moore
72 Hour Hold, Alfred Knopf, 2005.
What You Owe Me, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001.
Singing in the Comeback Choir, Putnam Publishing, 1998. Fiction
Brothers and Sisters, Putnam Publishing, 1994. Fiction
Your Blues Ain't Like Mine, Putnam Publishing, 1992. Fiction
- Carmichael, Stokely
Ready for Revolution: The Life and Struggles of Stokely Carmichael, Scribner, 2003.
- Carroll, Rebecca
Swing Low: Black Men Writing, Carol Southern Press, 1995. Interviews
I Know What the Red Clay Looks Like: The Voice and Vision of Black Women Writers, Carol Southern Press, 1995. Interviews
- Carter, Stephen L.
The Emperor of Ocean Park, Alfred Knopf, 2002. Fiction

- Chambers, Veronica *Mama's Girl*, Riverhead Press, 1996. Memoir
- Chase-Riboud, Barbara *The President's Daughter*, Crown Publishers, 1994. Historical Novel
- Chesnutt, Charles W. *Stories, Novels & Essays*, The Library of America, 2002. (Collection—Reissue and New)
- Childress, Alice *Rainbow Jordan*, Avon Books, 1982. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- Clarke, Breena *River, Cross My Heart*, Little, Brown & Co., 1999. Fiction
- Cleage, Pearl *Baby Brother's Blues*, One World, 2006. Fiction
- Babylon Sisters*, One World/Ballantine Books, 2005. Fiction
- Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do*, Ballantine Books, 2003. Fiction
- I Wish I Had a Red Dress*, William Morrow, 2001. Fiction
- What Looks Like Crazy on An Ordinary Day . . .*, Avon Books, 1997. Fiction
- The Brass Bend and Other Stories*, Third World Press, 1991. Poetry and Fiction
- Clifton, Lucille *Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems, 1988-2000*, BOA Editions, Ltd., 2000. Poetry
- Three Wishes*, Doubleday, 1992. Fiction (Children's author. Plus any of her other works which in poetry for secondary and adult.)
- Cobbs, Price M. (M.D.) *My American Life: From Rage to Entitlement*, Atria Books, 2005. Memoir
- Cole, Johnetta *Conversations*, Doubleday, 1993. Essays
- Coleman, Chrisena *Just Between Girlfriends: African-American Women Celebrate Friendship*, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Essays
- Coleman, Evelyn *What a Woman's Gotta Do*, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Fiction
- Collier-Thomas, Bettye *A Treasury of African-American Christmas Stories, Volume II*, Henry Holt, 1999. Short Stories

- Daughters of Thunder: Black Women Preachers and Their Sermons, 1850-1979*, Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1998.
History
- Comer, James P. *Maggie's American Dream: The Life and Times of a Black Family*, Dutton/New American Library, 1989.
Autobiography
- Waiting for a Miracle: Why Schools Can't Solve Our Problems and How We Can*, Dutton Publishing, 1997.
Essays
- Cook, William W. *Spiritual*, Reed & Cannon Company, 1999. Poetry
- Cooper, J. California *Some People, Some Other Place*, Doubleday, 2004.
Fiction
- Some Love, Some Pain, Sometime*, Doubleday, 1995.
Short Stories
- Family*, Doubleday, 1992. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- Cortez, Jayne *Coagulations: New and Selected Poems*, Thunders Mouth Press, 1984. Poetry
- Cosby, Camille & Renee Pouissant *A Wealth of Wisdom: Legendary African American Elders Speak*, Atria Books, 2004. Essays
- Cose, Ellis *Bone to Pick: Of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Reparation, and Revenge*, Atria Books, 2004.
- The Envy of the World: On Being a Black Man in America*, Washington Square Press, 2002. Essays
- Color-Blind: Seeing Beyond Rage in a Race Obsessed World*, HarperCollins, 1997. Essays
- The Rage of a Privileged Class*, HarperCollins, 1993.
Essays
- Crouch, Stanley & Playthell Benjamin *Reconsidering The Souls of Black Folk: Thoughts on the Groundbreaking Classic Work of W.E.B. Dubois*, Running Press, 2002. Essays
- Cunningham, Michael *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*, Random House, 2000.
- Dance, Daryl Cumber *From My People: 400 Years of African American Folklore*, W.W. Norton & Co., 2002. Folklore

- Honey, Hush!: An Anthology of African American Women's Humor*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1988. Anthology
- Danticat, Edwidge
The Farming of the Bones, SoHo Press, 1998. Fiction
Krik? Krak!, Vintage Books, 1996. Short Stories
Breath, Eyes, Memory, Vintage Books, 1994. Fiction
- Datcher, Michael
Raising Fences: A Black Man's Love Story, Riverhead Books, 2001. Fiction
- Davis, Angela
Women, Race and Class, Random House, 1983. Non-Fiction
- Davis, Ossie
Langston: A Play, Delacorte Press, 1982.
- Davis, Ossie
 & Ruby Dee
With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together, William Morrow & Co., 1998. Autobiography
- Dawkins, Wayne
Rugged Waters: Black Journalists Swim the Mainstream, August Press, 2003. History
Black Journalists: The NABJ Story, August Press, 1997. History
- DeBerry, Virginia
Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made, St. Martin's Press, 1997. Fiction
- DeBerry, Virginia
 & Donna Grant
Better Than I Know Myself, St. Martin's Press, 2004.
Far From the Tree, St. Martin's Press, 2000.
- Delaney, Sarah Louise
 & Annie Elizabeth Delaney
Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters First 100 Years, Dell Publishing, 1994. Biography
- Dellums, Ronald V.
 & H. Lee Halterman
Lying Down with the Lions: A Public Life from the Streets of Oakland to the Halls of Power, Beacon Press, 2000. Memoir
- Delpit, Lisa
The Skin That We Speak: Thoughts on Language and Culture in the Classroom, The New Press, 2002. Essays
Other People's Children: Cultural Conflict in the Classroom, The New Press, 1995. Essays
- Derricotte. Toi
Black Notebooks: An Interior Journey, W.W. Norton & Co., 1997. Memoir
- Dickerson, Debra J.
An American Story, Pantheon Books, 2000. Memoir

- Douglass, Frederick *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*, Reprint Services Corp., 1992. Autobiography
- Dove, Rita *Mother Love*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1995. Poetry
- Through the Ivory Gate: A Novel*, Random House, 1992. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- Draper, Sharon *Copper Sun*, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.
- Romiette and Julio*, Simon & Schuster, 1999.
- Tears of a Tiger*, Aladdin Paperbacks, 1996. Fiction
- Dryden, Lt. Col. Charles W. *A-Train: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman*, University of Alabama Press, 1997.
- Due, Tananarive *The Black Rose*, Ballantine Publishing, 2000. Biography
- Duke, Lynne *Mandela, Mobutu, and Me: A Newswoman's African Journey*, Doubleday, 2003. Memoir
- Dunbar, Paul Laurence *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar*, Reprint Services Corp., 1992.
- Dyson, Michael Eric *Why I Love Black Women*, Basic Civitas Books, 2003. Memoir
- I May Not Get There with You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Simon & Schuster, 2000. Non-Fiction
- Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line*, Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1996. Essays
- Edelman, Marian Wright *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors*, Beacon Press, 1999.
- Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children*, Beacon Press, 1995. Essays
- The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*, Beacon Press, 1992.
- Elders, Joycelyn *Joycelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecropper's Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America*, William Morrow & Co., 1996. Autobiography
- Ellison, Ralph (ed.) *Juneteenth*, Random House, 1999. Fiction
- Flying Home & Other Stories*, Random House, 1996. Short Stories

- The Collected Essays of Ralph Ellison*, Random House, 1995. Essays
- Evans, Mari
Clarity as Concept: A Poet's Perspective, Third World Press, 2006. Essays
- I'm Late: The Story of LaNeese and Moonlight and Alisha Who Didn't Have Anyone of Her Own*, Just Us Books, 2006. Fiction [Ages 13-17]
- A Dark & Splendid Mass*, Harlem River Press, 1992. Poetry
- I Am a Black Woman*, Writers & Readers Publishing, 1992. Poetry
- Evers-Williams, Myrlie
Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be, Little, Brown & Co., 1999. Autobiography
- Fales-Hill, Susan
Always Wear Joy: My Mother Bold and Beautiful, HarperCollins, 2003. Memoir
- Fisher, Antwone Quenton
Finding Fish: A Memoir, HarperCollins, 2001.
- Fleming, Robert
The Wisdom of the Elders, Ballantine Books, 1996.
- Forman, Ruth
Renaissance, Beacon Press, 1997. Poetry
- Franklin, John Hope
Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005.
- Gabbin, Joanne V. (ed.)
Furious Flower: African American Poetry from the Black Arts Movement to the Present, University of Virginia Press, 2004. Poetry
- Gaines, Ernest
A Lesson Before Dying, Alfred Knopf, 1993. Fiction
- A Gathering of Old Men*, Random House, 1992. Fiction (Plus any of his other works.)
- Gates, Jr., Henry Louis
The Bondwoman's Narrative: Hannah Crafts, Warner Books, 2002.
- Slave Narratives*, The Library of America, 2000.
- Wonders of the African World*, Alfred Knopf, 1999. History
- The Norton Anthology of African American Literature*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1997.

- Colored People: A Memoir*, Alfred Knopf, 1994. Autobiography
- Gates, Jr., Henry Louis & Cornel West
The Future of the Race, Alfred Knopf, 1996. Essays
- Gilyard, Keith
How I Figure, Whirlwind Press, 2003. Poetry
- Liberation Memories: The Rhetoric and Poetics of John Oliver Killens*, Wayne State University Press, 2003. Criticism
- Poemographies*, Whirlwind Press, 2001. Poetry
- Let's Flip the Script: An African American Discourse on Language, Literature and Identity*, Wayne State University Press, 1996.
- American Forty*, Eclipse III Press, 1993. Poems
- Voices of the Self: A Study of Language Competence*, Wayne State University Press, 1991. Memoir
- Giovanni, Nikki
Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea: Poems and Not Quite Poems, HarperCollins, 2002. Poetry
- Love Poems*, William Morrow & Co., 1997. Poetry
- Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Poems*, Henry Holt & Co., 1996. Poetry
- Racism 101*, William Morrow & Co., 1994. Essays
- Golden, Marita
Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World, Doubleday, 1995. Essays
- Wild Women Don't Wear No Blues*, Doubleday, 1993. Essays
- Golden, Marita & E. Lynn Harris
Gumbo: An Anthology of African American Writing, Harlem Moon, 2002.
- Gordon-Reed, Annette
Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings: An American Controversy, University Press of Virginia, 1997. Non-Fiction
- Goss, Linda & Marian E. Barnes
Talk that Talk: An Anthology of African-American Storytelling, Simon & Schuster, 1989. Short Stories

- Graham, Lawrence Otis *The Senator and the Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty*, HarperCollins, 2006. Biography
- Greenfield, Eloise *Talk About a Family*, HarperCollins Children's Books, 1991. (Children's author—Plus any of her other works.)
- Guinier, Lani *Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback into a New Vision of Social Justice*, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Memoir
- Guy, Jasmine *Afeni Shakur: Evolution of a Revolutionary*, Artia Books, 2004. Biography
- Guy, Rosa *The Friends*, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1983. Fiction (Young Adult. Plus any of her other works.)
- Guy-Sheftall, Beverly (ed.) *Words of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought*, New Press, 1995. Anthology
- Gwaltney, John Langston *Drylongso: A Self-Portrait of Black America*, 1981. Non-Fiction**
- Haley, Alex
& Malcolm X *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Ballantine Books, 1992. Autobiography
- Hamilton, Virginia *Many Thousand Gone*, Alfred Knopf, 1993. Children/History
- The People Could Fly*, Alfred Knopf, 1988. Folktales (Plus any of her other works.)
- Harper, Michael S. (ed.)
& Anthony Walton *The Vintage Book of African American Poetry: 200 Years of Vision, Struggle, Power, Beauty, and Triumph from 50 Outstanding Poets*, Vintage Books, 2000.
- Harris, Juliette (ed.)
& Pamela Johnson *Tenderheaded: A Comb-Bending Collection of Hair Stories*, Pocket Books, 2001. Collection
- Hayden, Robert *Collected Poems*, Liveright, 1985. Poetry
- Height, Dorothy *Open Wide the Freedom Gates: A Memoir*, PublicAffairs, 2003.
- Higgins, Chester *Feeling the Spirit: Searching the World for the People of Africa*, Bantam Books, 1994. History
- Hill, Anita *Speaking Truth to Power*, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1997. Memoir
- Hill, Patricia (ed.) *Call & Response: The Riverside Anthology of the African American Literary Tradition*, Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

- Hine, Darlene Clark
& Kathleen Thompson
A Shining Thread of Hope: The History of Black Women in America, Broadway Books, 1998. History
- Holloway, Karla F.C.
Passed On: African American Mourning Stories: A Memorial, Duke University Press, 2002.
- Codes of Conduct: Race, Ethics, and the Color of Our Character*, Rutgers University Press, 1995. Essays
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Killing Rage: Ending Racism, Henry Holt & Co., 1995. Essays
- Black Looks: Race and Representation*, South End Press, 1992. Essays
- Hoskins, Michele
Sweet Expectations: Michele Hoskins' Recipe for Success, Adams Media, 2004.
- Hudson, Cheryl (eds.)
& Wade Hudson
In Praise of Our Fathers & Our Mothers: A Black Family Treasury by Outstanding Authors and Artists, Just Us Books 1997. Collection
- Huggins, Nathan Irvin
Black Odyssey: The Afro-American Ordeal in Slavery, Random House, 1990. History
- Hughes, Langston
The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Poems, 1921-1940, Volume I, University of Missouri Press, 2001.
- The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Poems, 1941-1950, Volume 1I*, University of Missouri Press, 2001.
- The Collected Works of Langston Hughes: The Novels, Not Without Laughter and Tambourines to Glory, Volume 4*, University of Missouri Press, 2001.
- Selected Poems*, Random House, 1990. Poetry
(Plus any of his other works.)
- Hull, Gloria T. (ed.)
Give Us Each Day: The Diary of Alice Dunbar-Nelson, 1984. Non-Fiction**
- Hunter, Kristin
God Bless the Child, Howard University Press, 1987. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- Hunter-Gault, Charlayne
New News Out of Africa: Uncovering Africa's Renaissance, Oxford University Press, 2006. Memoir/Essays
- In My Place*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1992. Memoir
- Hurston, Zora Neale
Their Eyes Were Watching God, HarperCollins, 1990. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)

- Jackson-Opoku, Sandra *The River Where Blood is Born*, Ballantine Books, 1997. Fiction
- Jamison, Judith *Dancing Spirit*, Doubleday, 1993. Autobiography
- Jarrett, Hobart *The History of Sigma Pi Phi: First of the African-American Greek-Letter Fraternities, Volume II*, Quantum Leap Publishers, 1995.
- Johnson, Angela *Toning the Sweep*, Scholastic, 1994. Novel
(Plus any of her other works.)
- Johnson, Charles *Dreamer: A Novel*, Scribner, 1998. Fiction
- Middle Passage*, Dutton/New American Library, 1991. Fiction
- Johnson, Charles & Patricia Smith *Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery*, Harcourt Brace & Co., 1998. History
- Johnson, James Weldon *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*, Viking Penguin, 1990. Poetry (Plus any of his other works.)
- Johnson-Feelings, Dianne (ed.) *The Best of the Brownies Book*, Oxford University Press, 1996. (Original stories from *The Brownies Books*, a 1920's magazine for African American children.)
- Jones, Edward P. *All Aunt Hagar's Children*, Amistad, 2006. Short Stories
- The Known World*, Amistad Press, 2003.
- Jones, Gayl *The Healing*, Beacon Press, 1998. Fiction
- Jones, Quincy *Q: The Autobiography of Quincy Jones*, Doubleday, 2001.
- Jordan, June *Affirmative Acts*, Doubleday, 1998. Essays
- Naming Our Destiny*, Thunder Mouth Press, 1989.
(Plus any of her other works.)
- Jordan, Vernon E. *Vernon Can Read!: A Memoir*, PublicAffairs, 2001.
- Kearney, Janis F. *Cotton Field of Dreams*, Writing Our World Press, 2004. Memoir
- Kelly, William Melvin *A Different Drummer*, Doubleday, 1962. Fiction
(Plus any of his other works.)**
- Khan, Chaka *Chaka! Through the Fire*, Rodale Books. 2003. Autobiography

- Kincaid, Jamaica
Mr. Potter: A Novel, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2002.
Talk Stories, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2001. Essays
The Autobiography of My Mother, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1996. Novel (Plus any of her other works.)
- Lane, Pinkie Gordon
Elegy for Etheridge, Louisiana State University Press, 2000.
Girls at the Window, Louisiana State University Press, 1991. Poetry (Plus any of her other works.)
- Lattany, Kristin Hunter
Kinfolks, Ballantine Books, 1997. Fiction
 (Plus any of her other works.)
- Lawrence, Beverly Hall
Reviving the Spirit: A Generation of African Americans Goes Home to Church, Grove/Atlantic, Inc., 1996. Non-Fiction
- Lawrence-Lightfoot, Sara
I've Known Rivers: Lives of Loss and Liberation, Addison Wesley Publishing, 1994. Personal Essays
Balm in Gilead: Journey of a Healer, Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1988. Biography
- Leeper, Beverley Williams
Shayla & The Dream Factory, Sterling Signatures, 2006.
- Lester, Julius
To Be A Slave, Scholastic, 1986. Non-Fiction
- Louise, Regina
Somebody's Someone: A Memoir, Warner Books, 2003.
- Madgett, Naomi Long
Pilgrim Journey, Lotus Press, 2006. Autobiography
Connected Islands: New and Selected Poems, Lotus Press, 2004.
Octavia and Other Poems, Third World Press, 1992. Poetry
- Madhubuti, Haki
Yellow Black: The First Twenty-One Years of a Poet's Life, Third World Press, 2005. Memoir
Run Toward Fear: New Poems and a Poet's Handbook, Third World Press, 2004.
Tough Notes: A Healing Call for Creating Exceptional Black Men, Third World Press, 2002. Essay

- Heartlove: Wedding and Love Poems*, Third World Press, 1998. Poetry
- Groundwork: New and Selected Poems, 1966-1996*, Third World Press, 1996. Poetry
- Black Men: Obsolete, Single, Dangerous*, Third World Press, 1990. Essays (Plus any of his other works.)
- Mandela, Nelson *Long Walk to Freedom*, Little, Brown & Co., 1994. Autobiography
- Marshall, Paule *The Fisher King*, Scribner Publishing, 2000. Fiction
- Daughters*, Dutton/New American Library, 1992. Fiction
- Praisesong for the Widow*, Dutton/New American Library, 1984. Fiction
- Massaquoi, Hans J. *Destined to Witness: Growing Up Black in Nazi Germany*, William Morrow & Co., 1999. Memoir
- Mathis, Deborah *Yet a Stranger: Why Black Americans Still Don't Feel at Home*, Warner Books, 2002. Essays
- Mathis, Sharon Bell *Teacup Full of Roses*, Puffin Books, 1987. Fiction (Young adult)**
- McCall, Nathan *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*, Random House, 1994. Autobiography
- McKay, Claude *Selected Poems*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1969. Poetry
- McKinney-Whetstone, Diane *Tumbling: A Novel*, William Morrow & Co., 1996. Fiction
- McKissack, Patricia *Christmas in the Big House; Christmas in the Quarters*, Scholastic, 1994. Non-Fiction (Young Adult)
- Mirandy and Brother Wind*, Alfred Knopf, 1988. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- McKissack, Patricia & Frederick L. McKissack *Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts*, Scholastic, 1996. History
- McMillan, Terry *The Interruption of Everything*, Viking Press, 2005.
- A Day Late and A Dollar Short*, Viking Press, 2001.
- How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, Viking Penguin, 1996.
- Waiting to Exhale*, Viking Penguin, 1992. Fiction

- Disappearing Acts*, Viking Penguin, 1989. Fiction
- McPherson, James Alan *A Region Not Home: Reflections from Exile*, Simon & Schuster, 2000. Essays
- Medearis, Angela Shelf *Come This Far to Freedom: A History of African Americans*, Atheneum Books, 1993. History
- Miller, E. Ethelbert *Fathering Words: The Making of an African American Writer*, St. Martin's Press, 2000.
- Whispers, Secrets, and Promises*, Black Classic Press, 1998. Poetry
- Moody, Anne *Coming of Age in Mississippi: An Autobiography*, Dell Publishing, 1991.
- Morrison, Toni *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.
- Love: A Novel*, Alfred Knopf, 2003.
- The Bluest Eye*, Dutton/Plume, 2000. Reprint
- The Big Box*, Hyperion Books, 1999. Fiction (First book for children.)
- Paradise*, Alfred Knopf, 1997. Fiction
- Jazz*, Alfred Knopf, 1992. Fiction
- Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and The Literary Imagination*, Harvard University Press, 1992. Criticism
- Beloved*, Dutton/New American Library, 1991. Fiction (Plus any of her other works.)
- Mosley, Walter *Cinnamon Kiss*, Little, Brown & Co., 2005.
- Little Scarlet*, Little, Brown & Co., 2004. Mystery
- Six Easy Pieces*, Washington Square Press, 2003. Short Stories
- Bad Boy Brawly Brown*, Little, Brown & Co., 2002. Mystery
- Workin' on the Chain Gang: Shaking Off the Dead Hand of History*, Ballantine Books, 2000. Essay

- Walkin; the Dog*, Little, Brown & Co., 1999. Fiction
- Gone Fishin'*, Black Classic Press, 1997. Fiction
- Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1998. Fiction
- A Little Yellow Dog: A Novel*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1996.
- Black Betty*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1994. Mystery
- Mullane, Deirdre
Words to Make My Dream Children Live: A Book of African American Quotations, Anchor Books, 1995.
- Murray, Pauli
Proud Shoes: The Story of an American Family, Beacon Press, 1999.
- Myers, Walter Dean
Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices, Holiday House, 2004. Poetry
- The Glory Field*, Scholastic, 1994. Fiction (Young Adult)
- Fallen Angels*, Scholastic, 1989. Adult
- Naylor, Gloria
The Men of Brewster Place, Hyperion Books, 1998. Fiction
- Children of the Night: The Best Short Stories by Black Writers, 1967 to the Present*, Little, Brown & Co., 1996.
- Bailey's Café*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992. Fiction
- Mama Day*, Random House, 1989. Fiction
- Neely, Barbara
Blanche Cleans Up, Viking Penguin, 1998. Fiction
- Nelson, Jill
Straight, No Chaser: How I Became a Grown-Up Black Woman, Putnam Publishing, 1997. Essay
- Volunteer Slavery*, Noble Press, 1993. Memoir
(Plus any of her other works.)
- Newkirk, Pamela
A Love No Less: More than Two Centuries of African American Love Letters, Doubleday, 2003.
- Nikuradse, Tamara (ed.)
My Mother Had a Dream: African American Women Share Their Mothers' Words of Wisdom, Dutton Books, 1996. Collection
- Obama, Barack
The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream, Crown Publishers, 2006.

- Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, Crown Publishing, 2004. Memoir
- Ogletree, Jr., Charles J. *All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half Century of Brown v. Board of Education*, W.W. Norton & Co., 2004. History
- Oseye, Ebele
(aka Ellease Southerland) *Feast of Fools*, Africana Legacy Press, 1998. Fiction
- Packer, Z.Z. *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere*, Riverhead Books, 2003.
- Page, Clarence *Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity*, HarperCollins, 1996. Essays
- Painter, Nell Irvin *Creating Black Americans: African-American History and Its Meanings, 1619 to the Present*, Oxford University Press, 2006. History
- Southern History Across the Color Line*, University of North Carolina Press, 2002.
- Sojourner Truth: A Life, a Symbol*, W.W. Norton & Co., 1996. Biography
- Parks, Gordon *A Hungry Heart: A Memoir*, Atria Books. 2005.
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